

Need another word that means the same as “hone”? Find 9 synonyms and 30 related words for “hone” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Hone” are: perfect, sharpen, make sharper, make sharp, whet, strop, grind, file, put an edge on

Hone as a Verb

Definitions of "Hone" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “hone” as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Give greater strength or firmness to (the body or a part of the body).*
- *Sharpen with a hone.*
- *Make perfect or complete.*
- *Refine or perfect (something) over a period of time.*
- *Sharpen (a blade).*



Synonyms of "Hone" as a verb (9 Words)

file

Smooth with a file.

File one's fingernails.

grind

Created by grinding.

Grind the spices in a mortar.

make sharp

Assure the success of.

make sharper

Achieve a point or goal.

perfect

Make perfect or complete.

Equity will not **perfect** an **imperfect** gift.

put an edge on

Cause to be in a certain state; cause to be in a certain relation.

sharpen

Raise the pitch of (musical notes).

Students will **sharpen** up their reading skills.

strop

Sharpen on or with a strop.

Strop razors.

whet

Sharpen by rubbing as on a whetstone.

*The selection of quotations may **whet** your curiosity to investigate the source material.*



Usage Examples of "Hone" as a verb

- *The detectives honed in on the suspect.*
- *Some of the best players in the world honed their skills playing street football.*
- *She has been working hard to hone her physique.*
- *I started to hone in on the problem.*
- *He was carefully honing the curved blade.*
- *Hone a knife.*



Associations of "Hone" (30 Words)

- abrade** Scrape or wear away by friction or erosion.
*It was a landscape slowly **abraded** by a fine stinging dust.*
- abrasive** Sharply disagreeable; rigorous.
*The refrigerator is easily damaged by **abrasives**.*
- awl** A small pointed tool used for piercing holes, especially in leather.
- ax** Chop or split with an ax.
***Axe** wood.*
- behead** Cut off the head of (someone), especially as a form of execution.
*Mary was **beheaded** at Fotheringhay.*
- brace** Support or hold steady and make steadfast with or as if with a brace.
*Thirty **brace** of grouse.*
- chop** Form or shape by chopping.
*The pile of **chop** was dropped into the calves feeder.*

craft	An aircraft or spaceship. <i>He represented the craft of brewers.</i>
crush	Crush or bruise. <i>Crush an aluminum can.</i>
drudgery	Hard menial or dull work. <i>Domestic drudgery.</i>
finely	With delicate or intricate workmanship or structure. <i>A finely proportioned Gothic church.</i>
flour	Convert grain into flour. <i>Manioc flour.</i>
grind	Created by grinding. <i>The crunch and grind of bulldozers.</i>
grindstone	A thick disc of stone or other abrasive material mounted so as to revolve, used for grinding, sharpening, or polishing metal objects.
hammer	Hit or beat something repeatedly with a hammer or similar object. <i>He got hammered for an honest mistake.</i>
heighten	Make more intense, stronger, or more marked. <i>The tension heightened.</i>
knife	Use a knife on. <i>The victim was knifed to death.</i>
mash	Mashed potato. <i>We d let the pot mash for ten minutes.</i>
mill	Grind something in a mill. <i>Tourists were milling about in the lobby.</i>
millstone	One of a pair of heavy flat disk-shaped stones that are rotated against one another to grind the grain.
pointed	Direct and obvious in meaning or reference; often unpleasant. <i>Pointed comments were made about racial discrimination within the army.</i>
powder	A medicine or drug in the form of powder usually designed to be dissolved in a liquid. <i>Powder skiing.</i>
pulverize	Reduce to fine particles. <i>The brick of the villages was pulverized by the bombardment.</i>
sharp	The sign indicating a sharp. <i>Fresh goats milk cheese has a slightly sharper flavour than fromage frais.</i>
sharpen	Make or become sharp or sharper. <i>Students will sharpen up their reading skills.</i>

- shatter** Break or cause to break suddenly and violently into pieces.
*Everyone was **shattered** by the news.*
- shred** Reduce documents to unreadable strips by feeding them into a shredder.
*That girl can **shred** like Eddie Van Halen.*
- squash** Edible fruit of a squash plant eaten as a vegetable.
*The proposal was immediately **squashed** by the Heritage Department.*
- tamp** A tool for tamping e.g. for tamping tobacco into a pipe bowl or a charge into a drill hole etc.
*He **tamped** down the tobacco with his thumb.*
- whet** Sharpen by rubbing as on a whetstone.
*She took out her dagger and began to **whet** its blade in even rhythmic strokes.*

